Member Sri M. Kalyanasundaram is wrong if he were to think that I am going to decide that there is a *prima facie case*. I am at present having an absolutely open mind. I have no views on the matter now. I have not come to any conclusion at present. I think hon. Members will give me credit for that. I will approach this question in an impartial manner and give my decision.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The hon. Member might have made some impression on you, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER : Even if that be so, I am not supposed to exhibit that. I shall give my decision in a day or two.

III.—POINT OF INFORMATION *re* CALLING ATTENTION TO CLOSURE OF PALAI CENTRAL BANK.

SRI T. T. DANIEL : I would like to say that yesterday I gave notice under Rule 41 drawing the attention of Government to the recent closure of the Palai Central Bank and consequent disturbance of depositors. You, Mr. Speaker, Sir, has disallowed that notice on the ground that it is a subject concerning "banking" which is not within the scope of the State Legislature . . . .

MR. SPEAKER : Are you going to question that?

SRI T. T. DANIEL : I am not questioning that. I want to raise a point whether this State Legislature has not got the power to request the State Government to approach the Central Government to evolve a formula to protect the interest of depositors especially in view of the fact that the branches of the Palai Central Bank are not confined.

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member is trying to say something on a point which I have disallowed. I think I gave the reason to the hon. Member in my chamber why I am disallowing that. I think I told the hon. Member that this question cannot be debated in this House. Palai Central Bank is in another State. Banking is a subject coming within the purview of the Central Government. We cannot have a debate on that here in this House. When I have disallowed the motion, the hon. Member cannot raise it in the House and have a debate on it. I am sorry I can't allow the hon. Member to talk on that subject.

We shall now take up Government Bills.

IV.—GOVERNMENT BILL.

(1) THE MADRAS STATE AID TO INDUSTRIES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1960

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I beg leave to introduced the Madras State Aid to Industries (Amendment) Bill, 1960.

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MR. SPEAKER : The question is—

" That leave be granted for the introduction of The Madras State Aid to Industries (Amendment) Bill, 1960 ".

The motion was put and carried and leave was granted.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I introduce the Bill.

MR. SPEAKER : The Bill is introduced.

(2) THE INDIAN PENAL CODE AND THE CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (MADRAS AMENDMENT) BILL, 1960 (L.A. BILL NO. 7 OF 1960).

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, I beg to move—

That the Indian Penal Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure (Madras Amendmemnt) Bill 1960 (L.A. Bill No. 7 of 1960) as amended by the Joint Select Committee, be taken into consideration ".

MR. SPEAKER : The motion moved—

" That the Indian Penal Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1960 (L.A. Bill No. 7 of 1960) as amended by the Joint Select Committee, be taken into consideration."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : கனம் சபாநாயகர் 10-00 a.m.
அவர்களே, இந்த மசோதா ஏற்கனவே இந்தச் சபையில் விவாதிக்கப்பட்டு, இரண்டு சபைகளின் அங்கத்தினர்களும் கொண்ட ஒரு கமிட்டியால் பரிசீலிக்கப்பட்டு, மறுபடியும் இந்தச் சபையின் முன் அவைகளைப்பற்றி கவனித்துத் தீர்மானிப்பதற்கு வந்திருக்கிறது. இந்த மசோதாவை அநேகமாக எல்லோரும் வரவேற்றிருக்கிறார்கள். ஜாயின்ட் செலெக்ட் கமிட்டியிலும் இதைப்பற்றி பரிசீலித்து ஏகமனதாக ரிப்போர்ட் தயார் செய்து இங்கே அனுப்பப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. ஜாயின்ட் செலெக்ட் கமிட்டியில் முக்கியமாகச் சில திருத்தங்கள் செய்திருக்கிறார்கள். அதில் ஒரு முக்கியமான திருத்தம், அதில் மூன்று மாதம் என்று இருக்கக்கூடியதை இரண்டு வருஷ அளவுக்கு தண்டனையை உயர்த்தியிருக்கிறார்கள். இரண்டு வருஷங்களுக்கு தண்டனை கொடுக்கலாம் என்று சட்டம் இருந்தாலும்கூட ஒரு தடவை குற்றம் செய்த பிறகும்கூட தொடர்ந்து அந்தக் குற்றங்களைச் செய்கிறவர்களுக்கு குறைந்தபட்சம் அதிக தண்டனை விதிக்க வேண்டுமென்கிற கருத்தை எல்லோரும் ஒப்புக்கொள்ளக்கூடிய முறையில் இந்த இரண்டாவது விதி மாற்றப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. அதாவது—

" shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to two years or with fine or with both :

Provided that for a second or any subsequent offence under this section, he shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which shall not be less than six months and not more than two years and with fine."